

VILLAGE OF WESTON

2010 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 30, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER - VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Schuster called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees present were White, Schmutzler, Jaeger, Maloney, Ermeling and Ziegler. Administrator Zuleger, Director of Public Works Donner, Park Superintendent Osterbrink, Director of Information Systems Crowe, Finance Director Jacobs, Deputy Finance Director Trautman, Police Chief Sparks, Fire Chief Meilahn, Lieutenant McBain and Finance Committee Member Bob Bender were also present. There were 6 audience members present.

II. OPENING INSTRUCTIONS ON BUDGET PROCESS - FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jacobs said normally the budget process begins in June or July, but this year it started in January. He said Board members need to address all three resolutions listed on the agenda. The first resolution will adopt the General Fund Operating Budget and set the tax rate and tax levy. The second resolution will adopt the budget for debt service, special revenue and proprietary funds. The third resolution will adopt the 2010 Capital Improvements Program budget. Jacobs also mentioned that the 2010 CIP budget only includes capital borrowing for CDA/TIF projects. This CIP budget has no general obligation borrowing projected in 2010 which would increase the 2011 debt service tax rate.

Zuleger said this budget keeps the tax rate at \$5.08 for 2009 tax bills. The combined rate will provide the Village of Weston residents with a .47-cent, per \$1000 home value savings, or a decrease in the tax bill of 2.25%. Staff began 2010 budget discussions with the unions early on. There were some concessions with respect to the deductible on health insurance. The Police Department kept their budget at 2009 staffing levels. The Village did not fill two vacant positions in the Engineering Department. There will only be summer help in the Park Department. Each Department was given the task of reducing their budgets by 7%. He said there have been a couple of income windfalls that will work to the Village's advantage. This includes the utility tax issue with Rothschild. The Village did not cut into essential services. Protective services and public safety remain intact. Some employees will work in more than one department. All employment contracts and collective bargaining agreements have been met. He recognized Jessica Trautman and John Jacobs for all their hard work on this budget.

III. 2010 BUDGET SUMMARY COMMENTS & 2009 TAX RATE RECAP - ADMINISTRATOR and FINANCE DIRECTOR

- **2010 Budget Recap – Operating Budget, Capital Improvements Program Budget, and Capital Borrowing Program**
- **2009 Budget Surplus**
- **2009 Proposed Village Tax Rate for 2010 Budget Year**
- **2009 Estimated Combined Tax Rate, including all taxing jurisdictions**
- **Preview of 2011 Budget**

Jacobs indicated the combined rate includes \$8.18 for D.C. Everest, \$5.10 for Marathon County, \$5.08 for the Village of Weston, \$1.89 for NTC and \$.17 for the State of the Wisconsin for a total of \$20.42. The Lottery Credit is \$77.15. The First Dollar Credit is \$67.62. The 90-Gallon Garbage container charge is \$126.08 and the 45-gallon Garbage charge is \$112.76. Jacobs reviewed the property tax rates for all direct and overlapping governments from 1997 to 2009. He reviewed the 2010 and 2011 budget revenue. The 2009 non-TIF Assessed value is \$846,213,511, with a tax rate of \$5.082090. The 2010 estimated non-TIF assessed value is \$855,000,000, with a tax rate of \$5.180760, which would only be a \$.10 increase in the tax rate using the worst case scenario. He also reviewed the 2009 Operating Budget Surplus. The 2009 estimated budget surplus is \$75,516. Zuleger said the Village did not have to use any of the Undesignated Fund Balance, did not need to use the public fire protection shift, or the debt service exemption.

IV. OPEN 2010 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Schuster opened the 2010 Budget Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

He asked the Board members and the audience members if they had any comments. They did not.

VI. CLOSE 2010 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Schuster closed the 2010 Budget Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m.

VII. ACTION ON 2010 BUDGET:

a) Proposed Adjustments to 2010 Operating Budget, if any.

No action needed.

b) RESOLUTION #VW-11-09 (Adopt 2010 Operating Budget and 2009 Tax Levy)

**M/S/P Jaeger/Ermeling: to approve Resolution VW-11-09 in the amount of \$7,581,150 for total operating revenue and expenditures of the General Fund.*

c) RESOLUTION #VW-12-09 (Adopt 2010 Other Funds Budgets)

**M/S/P Schmutzler/White: to approve Resolution #VW-12-09.*

d) RESOLUTION #VW-13-09 (Adopt 2010 Capital Improvements Program Budget)

**M/S/P Maloney/Ziegler: to approve Resolution #VW-13-09.*

Schuster said he is appreciative of everyone on the Village Board, the employees that have worked on this budget, as well as the employees that have made concessions. He feels the Village of Weston has some of the best employees. Zuleger recognized the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 662 and the Finance Committee as they worked with staff through the entire process. Schuster also thanked Zuleger for all his work on the budget. Zuleger recognized Jessica Trautman for the nice job she did helping everyone with their budgets.

VIII. ADJOURN

**M/S/P Maloney/Jaeger: to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sherry Weinkauf
Village Clerk